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SUBJECT: JAPANESE RUMOR OF US-NORTH KOREAN CONTACT

REF: (A) STATE 166379 (B) BUCHAREST 3172

1. TONGA ILBO JULY 30 CARRIED BRIEF STORY ON PAGE TWO REPORTING "SPECULATION" IN TOKYO THAT KIM IL-SONG HAD MET WITH A US OFFICIAL IN BUCHAREST OR ALGIERS. STORY, WHICH FILED BY TONGA TOKYO CORRESPONDENT, SAID THAT JAPANESE OFFICIALS "ADMITTED" THEY HAD SUCH INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH THEY SAID STORY "UNCONFIRMED". TONGA CITES JAPANESE OFFICIALS AS SAYING US "MUST FEEL NEED FOR CONTACT WITH KIM IL-SONG BECAUSE NORTH KOREA IS A SIGNATORY TO THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE". STORY ALSO CLAIMS THAT, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE OFFICIALS, PEKING HAD ASKED THE US TO EXTEND ECONOMIC AID TO NORTH KOREA. STORY ENDS WITH REPORT THAT LDP DIET MEMBER UTSUNOMIYA, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM PYONGYANG TRIP, HAD DENIED REPORT OF MEETING BETWEEN KIM AND US OFFICIALS.

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT OTHER SEOUL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED TONGA REPORT. ONE OFFICIAL OF GOVERNMENT-ASSOCIATED KYONGHYANG SINMUN NEWSPAPER HAS ASKED US ABOUT VALIDITY OF RUMOR (WE DENIED IT), BUT GENERAL LACK OF QUESTIONS
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